

**Elderly Commission  
Regular meeting  
June 15, 2021  
9:30 am  
Oxford Senior Center**

**Present:** Sue DeScheen, Hank Rotzal, Joyce Niestemski, Larry Morgan, Heather Haney, Rae Bailey

**Absent:**

1      **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am

2.      **Amendments to the agenda:** None

3.      **Audience of Citizens :** None

4      **Review and Approval of Minutes...**

- Minutes approved with a motion by Hank Rotzal with a second by Sue DeScheen. Motion carried unanimously.

5      **Correspondence:** None

6      **Municipal Agents Report:**

- We have been having some gorgeous July weather, hot and humid. I'm not sure if this is an indication of the rest of the summer but if it is, we are in for a hot one. I guess we just have to wait and see. In the meantime, let's enjoy this nice sunny weather. Get out there and meet your friends. What better way to get over the effects of the restrictions of Covis-19 and being stuck indoors with the pandemic. Our state is below 2 % and most seniors have had their vaccines. Now is the time to make up for lost time and being stuck in the house all winter. Enjoy!
- I wanted to go over some 2021 benefits with you. The CT Ene4rgy Assistance Program know CEAP usually accepts applications until May 3, 2021. The deadline has been extended to June 15<sup>th</sup>. So if you were going to apply, you still have time.
- I received a notice from Attorney General William Tong and the Department of Consumer Protection asking consumers to be wary of companies selling potentially faulty and unregulated over the counter hearing aids. I guess there have been a lot of complaints lately. These are usually very expensive devices and we really should be careful when purchasing one. Connecticut law requires aids be sold by licensed audiologists or hearing specialists. In 2017, this law was relaxed a little but the FDA has yet to approve any over-the-counter hearing aids. Regarding hearing aids, THE DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull asks everyone to read the fine print carefully, shop around, read reviews, consult with a medical professional and be sure you know the return policy. These are all steps that can help prevent you from wasting money on a device that doesn't work as advertised. It is best to research the seller with the Better Business Bureau to see if they have a good rating before you purchase the product. Be skeptical of online reviews and endorsements. Read the purchase policy carefully and find out if you can get a refund if they don't work. Also find out how long you have to make a return if necessary. Always remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you believe you have been the victim of a scam or have been contracted by a scammer, contact the Office of the Attorney Ge4neral at 1-860-808-5318 or [attorneygeneral@ct.gov](mailto:attorneygeneral@ct.gov).

## **Director's Report:**

The new vaccine rules were discussed

- Current membership to date is 861 members. Masks are no longer required provided members show a copy of their Covid-19 vaccination card at the receptionist desk. If a member does not have proof of vaccine, they MUST wear a mask. An updated list is being kept at the reception desk.
- **UPCOMING PLANNED TRIPS:**
- Camp Ladore- August 9, 2021 Waymart PA- drive on own- 13 signed up
- Motor Coach- Atlantic City, Cape May & Philadelphia 8-31-2021- 53 signed up
- Motor Coach- Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA- Oct 6, 2021- 46 signed up
- Sunny Portugal- November 2, 2021- 11 signed up
- Panama, Aruba & Costa Rica Cruise- November 6, 2021- 11 signed up
- **MAY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**
- Mother's Day Tea at the cove- approximately 120 members and students from the high school were served
- Bingo- approximately 150 members attended throughout the month
- Center Café- 19 members attended
- Hearing Screenings- 5 members scheduled
- Blood Pressure- 8 members scheduled
- Hot Dog Lunch- approximately 53 served
- Zentangle Art Class- 10 attended
- Choral Group Pizza Party- 11 members attended
- Outdoor exercise classes with Bobbi were very well attended
- May Movie Matinee- 20 members attended
- Complimentary Chair Reiki by Anne- 8 members schedule appointment
- All Virtual Zoom classes and programs ended May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Additional programs currently offered are ballroom dancing, quilting guild, happy hookers, craft groups, walking group, billiards, & bocce. Men's poker & wii bowling have resumed this month
- Mohegan Sun Casino- 20 members attended (17 from Oxford and 3 from Derby) NO future motor coach bus trips to the casinos will be planned
- New England Young At Heart Meal Service if still very well received
- May Arts and Craft Fair was successful and a lot of fun. Collected \$110.00 in table rentals and \$399.00 in food purchases and proceeds from craft sales. Many vendors said they did well and were happy to be part of this event. A future indoor fall fair will be planned for November 2021
- The senior center participated in the Oxford Memorial Day Parade for the very first time. Lance Kruger drove our 20 Passenger bus and 12 members rode on the bus or walked in front of the bus displaying the senior center banner
- We had 2 Red Cross blood drives this month with all appointments filled

## **TRANSPORTATION AND VEHICLES**

- Kathy Johnson has been hired by the town as our new transportation coordinator for the center. She has been training throughout the month and will start work on Monday, June 14, 2021.
- Two large umbrellas have been purchased for use with transportation

## **FACILITY UPDATES:**

- Two computers were upgraded. A new computer for the director's office and a refurbished computer for the assistant's office.

- A check in the amount of \$100.00 was sent to Principal Anthony Hibbert at Oxford Middle School to support the end of year 8<sup>th</sup> grade student award.
- An individual who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated \$950.00 to be used to help pay for the billiards room re3novations.
- We received a refund from Pioneer Gas i9n the amount of \$178.13 and tank was removed
- The time clock in freezer had to be r4eplaced by ArticAir at cost of \$702.00. all items in freezer had to be discarded
- I will be meeting with Finance Director Jim Hliva next week to make all necessary end of year transfers

#### **Budget Review:**

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#### **Old business:**

- pool table has been taken care of
- People are going in kitchen taking foil to wrap up food. It needs to be specified that there is **NO FOOD TAKEN OUT OF THE CENTER** per the Pomperaug Health Center. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE KITCHEN.**
- Reception area – no one is allowed the office and doors are to be kept closed
- Will need to sign up for Hot Dogs and there is no take out
- Discussion on wheel chair transport- aides responsibility to be with wheelchair- it is a safety issue for drivers to transport once person is off the bus.

#### **New Business:**

- New custodian Tyler is doing a great job.
- Discussed minor fixes in large room and replacing ceiling tiles

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#### **Other Business: None**

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#### **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourne4d at 10:45 with a motion by Hank Rotzal and a second by Sue DeScheen. Motion carried unanimously

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Kathleen O'Connell*

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Clerk

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TOWN CLERK